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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended)   A method for exchanging information between entities on a network comprising:

    installing an annotation management system on the network;

    identifying a plurality of annotatable data objects manipulated by a plurality of applications on the network, wherein the plurality of annotatable data objects comprise at least one of electrical schematics and mechanical schematics; and

    providing, via the annotation management system, one or more interfaces for manipulating annotations for the annotatable data objects, a set of annotation structures each defining a set of annotation fields, and an annotation server configured to receive requests to access annotations for one or more of the annotatable data objects issued by at least one of the plurality of applications on the network, wherein the annotation server is further configured to generate, based on an annotation structure associated with the one or more annotatable data objects points, the one or more interfaces for creating or viewing annotations.

2. (Original)   The method of claim 1, wherein providing one or more interfaces comprises providing at least one interface for creating annotations and at least one interface for viewing annotations.

3. (Original)   The method of claim 1, wherein the one or more interfaces comprise at least one graphical user interface.

4. (Original)   The method of claim 3, wherein the at least one graphical user interface is accessible from within one or more of the applications.

5-11. (Canceled)

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